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Wayne County Treasurer

September 12, 2019

Muckrock News/DEPT MR 79079
Sarah Alvarez
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request of August 27, 2019 for all properties in Wayne County, I request the following information in a database or excel spreadsheet: municipality, city, address, parcel ID, total tax debt, amount owed by year, taxpayer name and taxpayer mailing address.¹

Dear Sarah Alvarez:

Wayne County Treasurer's FOIA Division received the following request on August 27, 2019 by email:

For all properties in Wayne County, I request the following information in a database or excel spreadsheet: municipality, city, address, parcel ID, total tax debt, amount owed by year, taxpayer name and taxpayer mailing address.

Your request is granted. After reviewing the Requests it has been determined that there will be a charge in accordance with the Transcripts and Abstracts of Records Act, MCL 48.101, of .25 cents per parcel per year. Due to the volume of records you have requested, your estimated cost is \$235,348.75 (941,395 parcels). In order to process your request, the Treasurer's Office requires a deposit of 50% down in the amount of \$117,674.38 by US **certified funds only**. Cashier's check, money order, cash or credit cards accepted. No Personal or Business Checks will be accepted. Please make your Cashier's check or money order payable to: Wayne County Treasurer, Attn: Roy Freij and mail it to:

400 Monroe 5th Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226

No action will be taken regarding the request until the deposit is received. If, after reviewing the records, we determine that a portion of the information should be redacted, we will explain the reasons for the redactions in our final response to you along with your rights under the FOIA statute.

You will be contacted when the documents are ready.

Sincerely,

Roy Freij, FOIA Officer
Deputy Treasurer Forfeitures/Foreclosures

¹ The legally required posting of the "Wayne County Freedom of Information Act Procedures & Guidelines," as well as the "Wayne County Summary of FOIA Procedures & Guidelines," are available for viewing under the "Public Records" section of the County's website at the following web address: <http://waynecounty.com/county/foia.htm>

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This is a(n): ☒ Estimate of costs ☐ Bill showing amount due
Date: 09/12/2019 Date Request Received: 08/27/2019
Requester Name/Request No.: Sarah Alvarez/2019-2563

1. IF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE, the County is required to tell you it is available on the website and, where practicable, include a specific webpage address where the information is available. In this case,

- ☒ None
☐ Some
☐ All

of the requested material can be found at the following webpage(s):

Information on the County website is available to you at no charge. If you would prefer to pay the County to retrieve these materials for you, we will charge the hourly rate provided in Item #2 below and will add a 100% fringe benefit rate to the hourly rate.

(FOIA Officer – if item #1 applies, please go on and complete item #2 as well)

1. No charge

2. LABOR COST FOR COPYING OR DUPLICATING RECORDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU AT NO CHARGE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. This is the cost of labor directly associated with duplication of material located on the County's public web site. This rate is to be charged for the cost of making paper copies, digital copies, transferring materials onto non-paper physical media, or transferring materials through the Internet or other electronic means as you request, provided the County has the capability to do so. This rate shall not be more than the hourly wage of the County's lowest-paid employee capable of necessary retrieval and duplication in this particular instance, whether or not that person is available or who actually performs the labor. A full (100%) fringe benefit rate will be applied to the hourly rate. These costs will be estimated and/or charged in one minute time increments, and all partial time increments will be rounded down. If the task takes less than one minute to perform, there will be no charge.

Base Hourly Wage Charged: \$ __

Charge per minute: \$ __

(Hourly wage with full fringe benefit cost divided by 60)

Hourly Wage with Full Fringe Benefit Cost: \$ __

Number of whole minutes = __

(FOIA Officer – please contact Payroll for this rate)

Overtime rate charged if authorized by you (overtime is not used to calculate the fringe benefit cost)

2. Total labor cost if the County retrieves materials for you that you could obtain at no charge from the County's website

\$ 0

(Charge per minute X number of whole minutes)

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3. LABOR COST TO LOCATE RECORDS THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. This is the cost of labor directly associated with the necessary searching for, locating, and examining public records in connection with receiving and fulfilling a granted written request. This fee is being charged because failure to do so will result in unreasonably high costs to the County due to the nature of the request in this particular instance, specifically:

(check all that apply):

- ☐ The request does not seek an easily identifiable document consisting of a few standard size pages with minimal redactions
- ☒ The request will require more than 15 minutes of labor to search for, locate, and examine the records
- ☒ The request seeks "any and all" documents on a particular subject
 - ☐ The request requires that many boxes of documents be searched
 - ☐ The request requires numerous hours of examination
- ☒ The request seeks a large volume of records
- ☐ The request seeks records from more than one County department
- ☒ The request incurs costs greater than incurred from the typical or usual FOIA request received by Wayne County for searching, locating, and examining public records
- ☐ Other reason: .25 per parcel per year/941395 parcels, MCL 48.101

The County will not charge more than the hourly wage of its lowest-paid employee capable of searching for, locating, and examining the public records in this particular instance, whether or not that person is available or actually performs the work. These costs will be estimated and charged in 15 minute time increments with all partial time increments rounded down. If the total number of minutes is less than 15, there will be no charge for searching for, locating, and examining the requested records.

Base Hourly Wage Charged: \$ ____

Charge per ¼ hour: \$ ____

(Hourly wage with fringe benefit costs divided by 4)

Hourly Wage with Fringe Benefit Cost: \$ ____
Multiply the hourly wage by 1.5 (50% fringe rate) for the total hourly rate

Number of increments = ____

(Divide the number of minutes by 15 and round down)

Overtime rate charged if authorized by you (overtime is not used to calculate the fringe benefit cost)

3. Total labor cost for locating records

\$ 235348.75

(Charge per ¼ hour X number of increments)

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4. LABOR COST TO SEPARATE (REDACT) EXEMPT FROM NONEXEMPT MATERIAL THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. The County will not charge you to redact information if we know or have reason to know that the materials have already been redacted and the redacted version is still in the County's possession. This fee is being charged because failure to do so will result in unreasonably high costs to the County due to the nature of the request in this particular instance, specifically:

(check all that apply):

☐ The request does not seek an easily identifiable document consisting of a few standard size pages with minimal redactions

☐ The request will require more than 15 minutes of labor to separate exempt from nonexempt material

☐ The request requires that many boxes of documents be reviewed to separate exempt from nonexempt material

☐ The request requires numerous hours to separate exempt from nonexempt material

☐ The request incurs costs greater than incurred from the typical or usual FOIA request received by Wayne County for separating exempt from nonexempt material

☐ Other reason:

The County will not charge more than the hourly wage of its lowest-paid employee capable of separating the exempt from the non-exempt material contained with the public records in this particular instance, whether or not that person is available or actually performs the work, unless the County does not employ a person capable of separating and deleting the exempt from non-exempt information in which case a contractor may be used. These costs will be estimated and charged in 15 minute time increments with all partial time increments rounded down. If the total number of minutes is less than 15, there is no charge for searching for, locating, and examining the requested records.

Charges for County employee labor to separate exempt from non-exempt materials:

Base Hourly Wage Charged: \$

Charge per ¼ hour: \$

(Hourly wage with fringe benefit costs divided by 4)

Hourly Wage with Fringe Benefit Cost: \$

Number of increments =

Multiply the hourly wage by 1.5 (50% fringe rate) for the total hourly rate

(Divide the number of minutes by 15 and round down)

☐ Overtime rate charged if authorized by you (overtime is not used to calculate the fringe benefit cost)

Charges for contract (non-County) labor to separate exempt from non-exempt materials:

Base Hourly Wage Charged: \$

Charge per ¼ hour: \$

(Hourly wage divided by 4)

Name of contracted individual or firm:

Number of increments =

(Divide the number of minutes by 15 and round down)

The County will not use contract labor to separate exempt from non-exempt materials unless there is no County employee capable of performing the work; the use of contract labor is approved by the FOIA Coordinator on a case-by-case basis; and the labor costs do not exceed six times the state minimum hourly wage (MCL 408.411 et seq.)

4. Total labor cost for separating exempt from non-exempt material

\$ 0

(Charge per ¼ hour X number of increments)

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5. LABOR COST TO COPY OR DUPLICATE RECORDS THAT ARE NOT LOCATED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. This is the cost of labor directly associated with duplication of publications, including making paper copies, making digital copies, or transferring digital public records to be given to you on non-paper physical media or through the Internet or other electronic means as you request, provided the County has the capability to do so. This rate shall not be more than the hourly wage of the County's lowest-paid employee capable of necessary retrieval and duplication in this particular instance, whether or not that person is available or actually performs the work. These costs will be estimated and/or charged in one minute time increments, and all partial time increments will be rounded down. If the task takes less than one minute to perform, there will be no charge.

Base Hourly Wage Charged: \$ ____

Charge per minute: \$ ____

(Hourly wage with fringe benefit costs divided by 60)

Hourly Wage with Fringe Benefit Cost: \$ ____
Multiply the hourly wage by 1.5 (50% fringe rate) for the total hourly rate

Number of whole minutes = ____

Overtime rate charged if authorized by you (overtime is not used to calculate the fringe benefit cost)

5. Total labor cost copy or duplicate records that are not located on the County's website

\$ 0

(Charge per minute X number of whole minutes)

6. COST OF COPIES (EXCLUDING LABOR). Copying costs may be charged if a copy of a public record is requested, or for the necessary copying of a record for inspection (for example, to allow for blacking out exempt information, to protect old or delicate original records, or because the original record is a digital file or database not available for public inspection).

Paper cost:

- Letter (8 ½ x 11-inch/14-inch, single or double-sided): \$0.10 per sheet of paper

Total number of pages (8 ½ x 11 or 8 ½ x 14 paper): ____

No more than the actual cost of a sheet of paper for other paper sizes:

- Total number of other paper sizes (size): ____ (actual cost each \$ ____)
- Total number of other paper sizes (size): ____ (actual cost each \$ ____)

THE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE TWO-SIDED COPIES TO YOU WHEN PROVIDING HARD COPIES IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO DO SO. IF YOU PREFER SINGLE-SIDED COPIES, YOU MUST TELL US IN WRITING AND WE WILL CHARGE YOU \$.10 PER PAGE.

☐ Requester has authorized the County to provide single-sided copies at \$.10 per sheet

Actual and most reasonably economical cost of non-paper physical digital media:

- Circle applicable: CD-Rom* / Tape / Drive / Other Digital Medium (____)

Total number of CD-Rom* discs: ____ X cost* (actual cost of CD's \$ ____)

Total number of tapes: ____ (actual cost of tapes \$ ____)

Total number of drives: ____ (actual cost of drives \$ ____)

Total number of other digital media (name): ____ (actual cost each \$ ____)

Total number of other digital media (name): ____ (actual cost each \$ ____)

*The actual cost for a CD-Rom with a protective case is \$.50. The actual cost for a CD-Rom without a protective case is \$.15. There is no charge if the County is capable of emailing the records and you have provided us with an email address.

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ESTIMATE OF
COSTS**

6. Cost for copies

Paper cost: \$ ____

(Number of pages X cost per page)

Other non-paper
physical digital media
cost: \$ ____

(Number of CDs, tapes, drives, or
other digital media X actual cost
added together and totaled)

Total cost for copies:
\$ 0

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7. MAILING COSTS. The County will charge the actual cost of mailing, if any, for sending records in a reasonably economical and justifiable manner. The County may charge for the least expensive form of postal delivery confirmation, but the County may not charge more for expedited shipping or insurance unless you specifically request it.

Actual cost of postage: \$ __per stamp
\$ __per pound
\$ __per package

Actual cost (least expensive) postal delivery confirmation: \$ __

- ☐ * You have asked the County for expedited shipping
* Expedited shipping if requested: \$ __
- ☐ ** You have asked the County for insurance
** Insurance if requested: \$ __

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7. Total mailing cost
\$ 0
(total of all mailing charges)

8. SUBTOTAL OF FEES, BEFORE WAIVERS, DISCOUNTS, OR DEPOSITS ARE APPLIED:

Records on County Website (#1): No Charge
Labor to retrieve records from the County's website (#2): \$ 0
Labor costs to locate records not on the County's website (#3): \$ 235348.70
Labor cost to separate exempt from non-exempt material (#4): \$ __
Labor cost for copying (#5): \$ __
Copy/duplication cost (#6): \$ __
Mailing cost (#7): \$ __

Estimated Time Frame to Provide Records:
5 business days
(date or number of days)
The time frame estimate is nonbinding upon the County, but the County is providing the estimate in good faith.

8. SUBTOTAL OF ALLOWABLE FEES:
(Total of items #2-#5 if this is an estimate of costs)
(Total of items #1-#7 if this is a final response)
\$ 235348.75

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| FEE DISCOUNTS (ONLY IF APPLICABLE) | |
| <p>9. Waiver of fees in the public interest (at the County's option) A search for a public record may be conducted or copies of public records may be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge if the County determines, upon request, that a waiver or reduction of the amount on line 8 above is in the public interest because searching for or furnishing copies of the public record can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. There is no requirement that the County reduce fees on this basis.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All fees are waived OR <input type="checkbox"/> All fees are reduced by: __%</p> | <p>Discount amount applied: \$ __</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No discount applied</p> |
| <p>10. Discount for indigence. A public record search must be made and a copy of a public record must be furnished without charge for the first \$20.00 of the fee for each request if you are entitled to information and also:</p> <p>1) if you submit an affidavit stating that you are indigent and receiving specific public assistance, or 2) if you are not receiving public assistance, you state facts showing inability to pay the cost because of indigence.</p> <p>You are ineligible for this fee reduction if either of the following apply:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (i) You previously received discounted copies of public records from the County twice during this calendar year, or <input type="checkbox"/> (ii) You are requesting the information in conjunction with outside parties who are offering or providing payment or other remuneration to the individual to make the request. The County may require you to state in an affidavit that the request is not being made in conjunction with outside parties in exchange for payment or other remuneration.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You are eligible for an indigence discount</p> | <p>Discount amount applied: \$ __</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No discount applied</p> |
| <p>11. Discount for certain nonprofit organizations. A public record search must be made and a copy of a public record must be furnished without charge for the first \$20.00 of the fee for each request by a nonprofit organization formally designated by the state to carry out activities under subtitle C of the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and the federal Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, if the request meets all of the following requirements:</p> <p>(i) it is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients; and, (ii) it is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of those laws under section 931 of the Michigan Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931. (iii) it is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the County.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You are eligible for nonprofit discount</p> | <p>Discount amount applied: \$ __</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No discount applied</p> |
| 12. SUBTOTAL OF DISCOUNTS (add lines 9, 10, and 11) | <p>Subtotal of discounts: \$ <u>0</u></p> |

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| <p>13. REDUCTION IN LABOR COSTS FOR LATE RESPONSE. If the County does not respond to a written request in a timely manner as required under MCL 15.235(2), the County must reduce the charges for labor costs otherwise permitted by 5% for each day the County exceeds the time permitted for a response to the request, up to a maximum 50% reduction. Labor costs are those charges in Lines 2-5 only.</p> | <p>Reduction for late response, if any: \$ ____</p> |
| <p>14. SUBTOTAL OF FEES MINUS DISCOUNTS & REDUCTIONS (Line 8) – (Line 12) – (Line 13)</p> | <p>\$ <u>235348.75</u></p> |
| <p>15. GOOD FAITH DEPOSITS, IF APPLICABLE (50% OR 100% of Line 14).</p> <p>If there is an amount on this line, noted in either 15a or in 15b, this is the good faith deposit that you must pay before the County will begin processing your request.</p> <p>50% deposit: If the estimated cost of responding to this request exceeds \$50.00, the County may collect up to 50% of that estimate (i.e., 50% of the amount on line 14) before responding.</p> <p>100% deposit (due to previous FOIA fees not paid in full): If you have not paid the County in full for the total amount of fees and copies relating to a previously granted and fulfilled written request, the County may require you pay an increased deposit of up to 100% of the estimated fees before we begin a full public record search for any subsequent written request from you if all of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The final fee for the prior written request was not more than 105% of the estimated fee; (b) The public records made available contained the information being sought in the prior written request and are still in the County's possession; (c) The public records were made available to you, subject to payment, within the best effort estimated time frame given by the County for the previous request; (d) Ninety (90) days have passed since the County notified you in writing that the public records were available for pickup or mailing; (e) You are unable to show proof of prior payment to the County; and, (f) The County calculates a detailed itemization, as required under MCL 15.234, that is the basis for the increased estimated fee deposit relating to this request. <p>The County can no longer require an increased estimated fee deposit of up to 100% if any of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) You are able to show proof of prior payment in full to the County; (b) The County is subsequently paid in full for the applicable prior written request; or, (c) Three hundred sixty-five (365) days have passed since you made the written request for which full payment was not remitted to the County. <p>Even if the increased deposit requirements are not applicable, the County is still permitted to ask for up to a 50% deposit.</p> <p>(STOP HERE IF THIS IS AN ESTIMATE OF FEES AND A DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED)</p> | <p>15a. 50% good faith deposit required in the following amount: \$ <u>117674.38</u></p> <p>15b. 100% good faith deposit required in the following amount: \$ ____</p> |
| <p>16. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (LESS ANY DEPOSIT PAID)</p> <p>The total amount due must be paid before copies can be picked up, delivered, mailed, or emailed.</p> | <p>Total amount due: \$ <u>235348.75</u></p> |
| <p>The County's procedures and guidelines, and the summary of the procedures and guidelines, are available at the following web address: http://www.waynecounty.com/transparency.htm. We will also provide copies of them free of charge on request.</p> | |

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August 21, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

For all properties in Wayne County I request the following information in a database or excel sheet, or whatever format you have that feeds into the online lookup for property tax.

Municipality
City
Address
Parcel id
Total tax debt
Amount owed by year
Fines and interest
Base tax by year
Taxpayer name
Taxpayer mailing address

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Sarah Alvarez

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